6.11) Discretionary Student Hours

Students may receive credit for a maximum of eight (8) discretionary hours provided they are accrued in Arkansas. These hours may be obtained by attending seminars, workshops, and competitions or by participating in field trips or special classes. The content of any of these activities must promote motivational and educational incentive towards the cosmetology industry and its related branches. Students must at all times be accompanied by a bona fide instructor and the instructor/student ratio must at all times meet the standards outlined below in section 6.12. Instructors who accompany students during these activities must keep written record of students' attendance through a sign-in/sign-out sheet, and the written record must be submitted with the school's monthly report that immediately follows the event or activity.

In addition, schools are required to obtain prior approval from the Director for students desiring to attend any event or activity. The approval must be obtained within thirty (30) days of the event or activity. School owners must submit a written request to the Director that contains the following information:

- a. Name and location of the event, field trip or special class.
- b. Date of the event, field trip or special class.
- c. List of each instructor to attend.
- d. List of each student to attend.
- e. Summary of the motivational and educational content to benefit the students.